

May 28, 2026

**AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM
LATHAM & WATKINS, LLP**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Retention of the law firm Latham & Watkins, LLP.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has retained the law firm Latham & Watkins, LLP to provide legal services to the Board and/or its employees on a flat fee basis, including, but not limited to the following: preparation for and representation during hearings, specialized legal advice, and such other matters as deemed appropriate by the General Counsel. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$350,000.00 to Law Department - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2026.....10210-115

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted August 24, 2023 (23-0824-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

APPROVED,

Signed by:


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ELIZABETH K. BARTON
General Counsel